

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 134
By Cooper J

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Frances Henry Hewitt on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Frances Henry Hewitt is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 16 years as Mayor of the City of Lynnville; she has recently elected to take a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Ruth Coker and Ernest Brown Henry, Ms. Henry was born in Lynnville and attended Robert B. Jones High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Frances Henry married Richard Wilkes Hewitt, and the couple enjoyed 42 years of wedded bliss and shared both love and companionship with their two children, Richard Brown Hewitt and Nell Hewitt Anderson; Mrs. Hewitt is also blessed with five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, initiating her successful career in local government, Frances Hewitt was elected Alderwoman in 1975, and she was one of the first female aldermen in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, this remarkable woman became the first female mayor in Giles County upon her election as Mayor of the City of Lynnville, and she performed the duties of this position with remarkable acumen and alacrity for over 16 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure as Mayor of the City of Lynnville, Mrs. Hewitt worked assiduously to improve the lives of the citizens of Lynnville: she was responsible for extending city water lines throughout the area, from Waco to Lynnville and from State Route 129 to Abernathy Road; she oversaw the restoration of the Lynnville Municipal Building, the Reid Theater Building and the new City Hall and Courtyard; she facilitated the City's improvement and construction of sidewalks; she applied for and received numerous grants, including a Housing Grant and a grant that made possible the purchase of a new fire truck; and she ensured the City of Lynnville would be listed on the National Historic Register; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hewitt remains an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, such as her membership in the Lynnville Methodist Church and the Lynnville Railroad Preservation Society, and lending her support to the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Elk River Development Agency and the Board of Directors of the Tennessee South Central Development District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hewitt exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Frances Henry Hewitt has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Mrs. Frances Henry Hewitt our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.